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State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council

Orientation II

August 8th, 2021

[6:00 PM – 8:00 PM] - All Members – Statewide

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84629982224>

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The meeting was called to order by J. Piazza at 6:00 PM.

Present: B. Koumondiji, E. Johnson, F. Olawoye, H. Dillehay, J. Piazza, K. Jones, K. Hesselink, L. Roarick, L. Glenn, M. Malik, P. Bassuk, R. Roach, S. Koh, S. Polking, T. Geisemann., T. Voeller., V. Adovor

Absent: A. King, A. Jarayam, G. Huffstutler, K.Castillo

1. Welcome and Roll Call

At 6:01 PM, J. Piazza welcomes the group, and pauses for more SIYAC members to join

P. Bassuk motioned to approve the 8/1/21 Meeting Minutes, seconded by L. Roarick and voted yes unanimously

2. Icebreaker: Dicebreaker

At 6:09 PM, J.Piazza introduced the roles and rules of the SIYAC group ice breaker

Kayla Powell broke us into breakout rooms of four or five to do breakout rooms with ice breaker

3. Breakout Rooms

At 6:22 PM, J. Piazza presented the next activity, where SIYAC members break into 3 breakout rooms each with a different focus and presentation

P. Bassuk leading Legislative Affairs breakout room

S. Koh leading Service and SIYAC breakout room

L. Roarick leading Public Relations breakout room

At 7:21, J. Piazza debriefs the breakout rooms with questions for first year members.

F. Olawoye discusses why she likes Public Awareness as a strategy for advocacy in SIYAC



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T. Geisemann talks about why they liked the legislature as a SIYAC strategy

V. Adovor compliments the Service presentation, and the ideas highlighted

R. Roach inquires if individual service projects can be with others in SIYAC

K Powell confirms you can do individual service projects with other individuals in SIYAC

J. Piazza speaks to all the strategies being presented, and compliments SIYAC members capability

4. Mentor/Mentee Activity

At 7:27 PM, J. Piazza presents the mentor/mentee activity where members are split into breakout rooms with multiple groups of mentor/mentee pairs to discuss general advice and questions

K. Powell opens breakout rooms

J. Piazza asks first years about what was the most insightful advice you received in breakout rooms

F. Olawoye shares with the group

T. Voeller shares with the group

R. Roach shares with the group

V. Adovor shares with the group

T. Geisemann shares with the group

5. First Quarterly Prep

At 7:45, J. Piazza opens First Quarterly Presentation

J. Piazza discusses the logistics of SIYAC First Quarterly

- What to bring to First Quarterly
- When to attend First Quarterly



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- Where to attend First Quarterly
- AM and PM agenda for First Quarterly

K. Powell screen shares and presents how to find your legislator and highly recommends using this as a tool to prepare for first quarterly

6. Running for A Leadership Position

At 7:52 PM, J.Piazza presents a presentation on what leadership positions SIYAC members can run for which include

- Public Relations
- Service Chair
- IDEA (Inclusion Diversity Equity and Access) Chair
- Legislative Affairs Chair

J. Piazza speaks further about the roles and responsibilities of these positions and the candidate statements that need to be written by August 19th, 2021 for these positions

J. Piazza informs of the purpose of candidate statements, the appropriate length and what you should include in candidate statements

J.Piazza then discussed when the candidate statements will be voted on, August 22nd. He continue to talk about how the process works, and the nomination process during

K.Powell then intervenes and suggests J.Piazza go back further to discuss more agenda items for first quarterly

J. Piazza discusses PM agenda items for first quarterly and opens for questions

V. Adovor inquires if life jackets are provided for lake activities

T. Mosley confirms life jackets will be available

L. Glenn states she is welcome to answer any questions for activities that are available in Ottumwa, IA

J. Piazza talks about next steps including coordinator check-ins and the upcoming SIYAC conference calls

7. Adjournment



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At 8:08 PM, K. Jones motioned to adjourn, seconded by P. Bassuk and voted yes
unanimously by all present